

# KCMA Annual Casino Night Gala



## Digital Program

Thursday, March 12, 2026  
Liberty Hotel | 215 Charles Street, Boston, MA

# SCHEDULE

## *Registration*

*Cocktail Reception* - 4TH FLOOR ROTUNDA

*Opening Announcements / Welcome*  
SHAWN DEANE - MASTER OF CEREMONIES

*Fundraising Committee Introduction*  
ALICIA DELSIGNORE & OLIVIA SMITH

*Fundraising Committee Recognition*  
LOU PORRAZZO

## *Dinner*

*President Message*  
SUSAN MELLODY  
KCMA BOARD PRESIDENT

*The Impact of Kids' Chace Scholarships*  
JAMES E. RAMSEY  
KCMA VICE PRESIDENT / FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIR  
SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT VIDEO

*Impact of Fundraising*  
AMBER MOODY  
PARENT AMBASSADOR

*Scholarship Paddle Raise / Live Auction*  
LOU PORRAZZO

*Gambling & Entertainment Open*  
CASINO ACTIVITIES LOCATED ON THE 4TH FLOOR

## *Prize Information*

**Chips will be converted to raffle slips. Raffle prize winners will be contacted after the event.**

*~ Message from Sue Mellody, Board President  
Kids' Chance of Massachusetts ~*

As I enter my second year as President of Kids' Chance of Massachusetts, I remain deeply inspired and profoundly grateful for everyone who gives their time, talent, and resources to uplift "our kids." I want to salute our remarkable Board of Directors, our dedicated Committee Chairs, and every committee volunteer whose steady work pushes our mission forward day after day.

It's been truly humbling to watch so many of you attend multiple meetings each month, ensuring that events like tonight's Gala run smoothly. Tonight is more than an evening of fun, camaraderie, and networking — it's a powerful reminder that when we come together, we raise awareness of our scholarship opportunities and the children we serve.

Our mission is simple and essential: to award scholarships to children whose parent was fatally or catastrophically injured in a work-related accident in Massachusetts. Your presence and generosity this evening help us find the kids who need our support, raise the funds to help them, and keep our work moving forward year after year.

This will be my final year as president as I pass the reins to Jim Ramsey. I leave with confidence and hope — confident that this organization is stronger, more capable, and poised to reach even greater heights. My greatest wish is that we continue to grow our pipeline of students, volunteers, and leaders who will carry this mission into the future. It has been a true honor to work alongside Benefactors, Partners, Donors, and so many incredible Volunteers. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, your generosity, and your belief in these children. Together, we are changing lives.

With gratitude,

*Sue Mellody*

Board President  
Kids' Chance of Massachusetts

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# THANK YOU

## To our Volunteer Fundraising Committee Members

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## Our Mission

Kids' Chance of Massachusetts provides post-secondary and trade school scholarships to the children of Massachusetts workers who have been catastrophically or fatally injured in a workplace accident.

## Support Kids' Chance of Massachusetts

Your donations are vital for Kids' Chance of Massachusetts—a volunteer-driven organization supporting children affected by parental workplace loss or injury. Your generosity ensures their future. Join us in this important cause through tax-deductible donations or volunteering. Your support is key to a child's brighter tomorrow.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

**Planning for the Future (PFF)** is an initiative launched in 2014 by Kids' Chance of America to identify and track eligible potential scholarship recipients who may not yet be of college age. Parents, attorneys, and others can submit a student's name and details before he/she is of college age, and that information will be captured, maintained, and monitored until the child turns 16, at which time the referral will be sent to the appropriate state. Upon receipt of this information the Kids Chance Of Massachusetts Scholarship committee reaches out to the families and walk them through the application process. Currently, we have two Planning for the Future applicants.

## Donate Today



# Meet a few KCMA Scholarship Recipients

## New Recipients

Jayden Teixeira (Referred  
by PFF) Endicott College



Zachary Oliveira  
(Worcester Polytechnic Institute)



Timmy Nguyen (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)

## Current Recipients

Evan Gelineau (Student UMass Lowell)  
Daniel McDevitt (Student – Plymouth State University)  
Olivia Ward (Student College of Our Lady of the Elms)  
Andrew Moody (Student University of South Carolina)  
Gabby Moody (Student Baylor University)  
Hailey Gray (Student Suffolk University)  
Irene Caron (Student University of Mass - Amherst)

## Recent Graduates

Kate O'Neill (Student Marist College)  
Ben Gelineau (Student Worcester State University)  
Christopher O'Neil (Graduate Merrimack College)  
Krista Stracqualursi (Graduated Stone Hill College)  
Veyli Ortiz Solis (Graduated UMass Lowell)  
Kevin Moody Graduate University of Virginia)

## *A Message from our Fundraising Chair*

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." –  
Winston Churchill

What started out as a dream for a social gathering to get the word out about this wonderful charity has now turned into a must-attend event. How did our organization get to this point so quickly in only our 3<sup>rd</sup> Gala? Our dedicated and selfless Board of Directors and our countless volunteers.

As I reflect on my years as the chair of the fundraising committee and as I turn over the leadership to Louis Porrazzo, I am again reminded of all the hard work that goes into each and everything we do as an organization. Every volunteer joined Kids' Chance of MA for his or her own reasons. Each volunteer brings a unique set of talents and connections. This event exists solely because of the hundreds of volunteer hours that created it. We share a common purpose: our scholarship recipients. It is for these young adults that we pour our effort into every event.

I have learned several valuable lessons in these last several years. Do not be afraid to speak up and ask for help, for volunteers and for donations. Do not be afraid to lead. Whatever else we do as an organization, we will not be afraid to ask for these things. To everyone in attendance, and to those unable to attend, thank you. Tonight's event will fuel future scholarships. We have a special surprise: the Board of Directors chose to make a direct appeal to those in attendance to allow for a few named scholarships. You will see a brief video presentation and then we will ask you, our guests, to raise your bidding paddle to pledge to fund a one-year scholarship in your name or your company's name [subject to a few limits]. Please be generous, our scholarships last year were \$5,000 per student.

In closing, I wanted to again thank our Benefactors, Partners and Donors and Volunteers. Your donations assist us in fulfilling our mission to award college scholarships to children of catastrophically injured workers in Massachusetts. It is again with great pride that I welcome you to this Gala. I wish you success, friendship and generosity. Please enjoy tonight's Gala and remember us for future events.

Sincerely,

*James E. Ramsey*

James E. Ramsey, Esq.

Chairman, – Fundraising Committee / Board of Directors

Kids' Chance of MA

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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Educating Children of Injured Workers

# GOLF FOR KCMA

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Longest Drive, Women's Closest to the Pin, Men's Closest to  
the Pin, Hole in One, Putting Contest**

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